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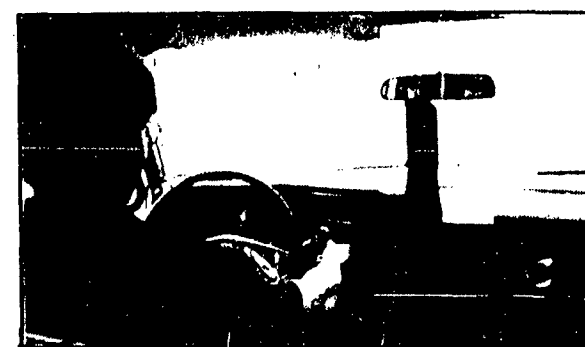
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Paramedics learn time is a factor in saving lives.

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Surveying damage

President B.D. Owens shows Governor Joseph Teasdale the damage the fire caused in the Administration Building. Teasdale promised to help get \$20,000 in planning of repairs on the building. The money was approved earlier this week by General Assembly leaders. [Missourian Photo/Mercer]

Teasdale views University loss

Dave Gieseke

Less than 48 hours after the fire swept through the Administration Building, Governor Joseph Teasdale toured the building with President B.D. Owens and his staff.

It was at this time that the governor pledged to help get \$20,000 in emergency state funds for the University to plan out repairs for the structure. According to Teasdale, this money will be used for immediate planning purposes and will have to be appropriated by the state legislature. Since the legislature is not in session, this will have to be done by the leaders of this state body.

"This is planning money and I'm not a planner, so I just can't give you (the University) the money," Teasdale said. "The legislature has to approve this. But I just can't imagine the leadership of the House and Senate saying no when this is a state university. The Missouri legislature and I have a responsibility when a state university receives such a tragic loss, we should immediately start planning."

Earlier this week Teasdale came through with his promise as the leaders of the legislature agreed to appropriate the \$20,000.

Teasdale said that after he received the recommendations from state officials and University officials, he would go to the General Assembly in January to request the needed funds. He said the money for repairs could not be appropriated now because the Legislature is not in session and will not reconvene until the beginning of 1980.

"I want everything studied so we won't have a year or two delay in remedying this situation. We can cut through the red tape by getting me involved," Teasdale said.

Although it has not been determined yet whether a whole new facility will be needed or if the present one can be repaired, Teasdale said that the University will have a better building when the project is finished.

"Even in the aftermath of a fire like this, there is hope. When it is totally repaired you will have a bigger and better facility than you have now," he said.

Teasdale said he visited the University structure so University officials could see that he cared. He also said he wanted to see what was going on.

"I wanted to see for myself how much damage the fire caused to the building," he said.

Teasdale and Owens toured much of the Ad Building with Owens pointing out some of the offices. Teasdale said he had not realized that much of the renovation of the building had been finished before the fire had struck.

When he toured the fourth floor of the building, where the fire had started, Teasdale remarked, "What a heartbreak. It wiped it out; it is that simple."

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News summary

Carter speaks in Kentucky

President Jimmy Carter made a personal appearance in Bardstown, Ky., in an attempt to unite what he believes separate ordinary Americans from the "insulated" world of Washington.

Carter addressed about 2,000 people in a high school gym and commented he will not let "anything erect barriers between your president and you."

Carter also discussed his opinions on a military draft and added he didn't think it was necessary to "call people up," yet due to weakness in recruiting for the volunteer army, "we might have to have as a precautionary measure, registration for the draft, just as a standby measure." The President also said, "we are now reassessing the need for registration."

Bakhtiar emerges in Paris

Iran's former prime minister, Shahpour Bakhtiar, emerged from hiding after six months and charged Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini with causing Iran "chaos, catastrophe and dictatorship."

Bakhtiar refused to explain his absence and how he got to Paris, France, where he held a press conference Tuesday. Bakhtiar said the Iran's Moslem priests don't belong in government and he would continue to fight for Iran's freedom.

Houston suffers major fire

Houston suffered a seven alarm fire at a 1,100 unit apartment complex. One person was reported critically burned and hundreds were left homeless. The damages were estimated at \$15 million. The blaze damaged 500 apartments, and the area was patrolled by police to prevent looting.

Officials said 13 people, including several firemen were injured and taken to a local hospital.

Kidnap victim released

Caroline Thompson, a five-year old, was returned to her parents after FBI agents arrested her kidnapper in Florida.

Thompson said the man who kidnapped her was "mean and yelled." James Keith Tucker, 18, was charged by the FBI in the kidnapping. He is being held in the Florence, S.C. Detention Center on a \$250,000 bond. Tucker was on parole for a car theft sentence when he kidnapped Thompson.

Investigation reveals fire's source

Cindy Sedler

State Fire Marshall Tom Behrendsen and Maryville Public Safety Department Director Roger Stricker completed their investigation of the Administration Building fire which destroyed almost 40 percent of the building.

The source of the fire was pinpointed in a 20 to 25 foot area above the speech department's audio testing laboratory. Both investigators think the fire started on the fourth floor above a false ceiling.

However, the "exact origin of the fire is impossible to determine because the fire completely destroyed the area of the suspected source," reported Behrendsen and Stricker.

The initial blame, according to reports, lies with electrical failure. Two electrical circuit breakers were discovered tripped, which suggests an electrical circuit failure near the sewing room of the theatre department on the fourth floor.

There was also a tripped circuit breaker in the fire alarm panel, which supports the theory that the fire broke out in the audio testing area.

Also in support of the electrical failure, Behrendsen said that the firemen who were first on the scene smelled an odor directly connected with the burning of wire.

The electrical failure, combined with several factors, increased the chances of

the fire spreading and going undetected for a time.

First, the fire alarms in the Administration Building had been going off repeatedly, but upon investigation, no signs of fire were reported. Tuesday morning, the alarms were turned off until they could be repaired. Obviously, the alarms could not signal the fire, but, according to President B.D. Owens, there is no indication that they would have functioned properly even if they had still been hooked up.

The 16-minute delay between the time security logged the discovery of

smoke and the time at which the fire department was notified, has proved to be of little importance because the fire broke out at least two or three hours before smoke was first observed by personnel at the University.

Later, after the fire had died and investigations were well under way, a witness reported to the Public Safety Department that he had spotted smoke as early as 6 p.m.

Fire may also have spread more rapidly because the preburning and a hole in the fire wall between the fourth floor west wing and the area above the

ceilings of the auditorium, spread the fire into the upper reaches of the auditorium before fire fighters responded.

Natural drafting through the attic area of the building carried smoke and fire, which resulted in fire dropping into the radio and television studios. Acoustical insulation used in the broadcasting areas trapped the heat and helped create the heavy damage in those areas.

Behrendsen is now preparing a report for circulation to officials, but it may not be ready for at least 30 days.



Theatre destruction

The Frank Deewester Theatre lies in ruin after last week's fire. The newly named auditorium was destroyed. The initial blame for the fire lies with electrical failure according to a report issued by the state fire marshal. [Missourian Photo/Gieseke]

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Classroom relocation procedure running smoothly

Along with all the chaos and confusion associated with restructuring campus programs and procedures after the fire, students have been concerned about class schedules, grades and paychecks for the summer and fall.

According to Dr. George English, vice president of academic affairs, classes will run smoothly and efficiently by the time the fall semester rolls around.

"Ninety-five percent of all academic classes and programs will be held as usual," said English. "Right now we've mainly got all offices and departments

relocated, but we're still working on class rescheduling."

English said 80 percent of the classes have been rescheduled at this time and he hopes to have a complete list of classes in about a week.

"The problem is compounded," said English, "because 15 to 20 percent of our academic space was destroyed and we have to do a lot of shifting in Colden Hall."

English said the main things the University are waiting on now are the computers. Without the computers working properly, the rescheduling process cannot be completed.

"I suspect we'll have to put out a new listing of all fall classes, similar to the regular fall schedule we normally put out," said English.

English said that all class times, instructors and class contents will remain the same. Only the rooms will be changed.

According to Dr. Phil Hayes, dean of students, there might be some delay in students' grades and paychecks.

Hayes said computers located in Garrett-Strong Rooms 101 and 102 have to be checked out before the grades and checks can be sent through for processing. Before the computers can be turned on, so damage can be examined, personnel must be able to hook up a direct power source and install air conditioning systems that will maintain the proper environment for the computers.

"I don't know what options we have for grades," said Hayes. "If nothing else, we may be able to use other material."

Hayes said the first semester's grades have already been mailed, but it is too early to commit himself on any particular delay for the second semester grades.

According to Hayes, grades and paychecks might be a problem, but

general registration and registration verification is "business as usual."

"We had planned to switch registration to the Administration Building because it had worked well for summer registration, but now that we can't, we'll have to use the original procedure that is written up in the fall schedule," said Hayes. "I don't think we'll have any problems and with luck things will run smoothly."

Campus shorts

Wake captures first in division

Director of Housing Bruce Wake attended the Association of University and College Housing Officers annual meeting July 22-25, at Burlington, Vermont, and came away with more than the usual convention notes.

Competing in a 3.25 mile-run that was sponsored by ACUHO and Collegiate Products Inc., Wake captured first in the senior division and his 19:06 time was the best among the 136 runners who competed in four different divisions.

In addition to Wake's running feats at the conference which attracted more than 700 delegates, Wake also was appointed to the national research and information committee.

Redd to attend conference

Coach Jim Redd will be one of the seven head football coaches who will attend the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association's (MIAA) press conference Aug. 7. The conference meeting will be held in Kansas City.

Softball fields nearly completed

According to Dr. John Mees, vice president of student affairs, two of the scheduled four softball fields will be finished in about four weeks.

Mees said that the softball fields should be ready by the time the fall semester starts if they have any luck. Richard Flanagan and Richard Alsop are currently working on the project.

McNeal to be honored at commencement

Commencement ceremonies are scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Friday, August 10 in Lamkin Gymnasium. Ceremonies will include the presentation by the University of two Distinguished Alumni Awards in recognition of outstanding service in the field of professional education.

One of the Distinguished Alumni Award honorees will be Mary McNeal, a 1943 graduate.

McNeal has given Northwest a collection of 200 dolls from around the world; a scientifically classified insect collection dating back to 1933, which includes about 100 boxes containing a single species and the pressed flower or plant serving as the main source of food for the insect; and a rock collection, which includes minerals, fossils and mammoth teeth.

Porch hosts senior recital

Ronald Porch, pianist, from Anita, Iowa, will present his senior recital Aug. 9 at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building.

Sinn names recruit

Dr. Lionel Sinn, new Bearcat basketball coach, wasted little time in announcing his first recruit here. Ricky Owen, a guard from Kentucky, was named by Sinn to come to the University and play for the Bearcats.

Owen was a part-time starter on the state-runnerup team in Kentucky. According to Sinn, Owen plays point guard and is a good passer and defensive player.

Secretary honored with award

Mary Alice Cornelison, secretary in the security office, has been awarded the "Secretary of the Month" honor at NWMSU for July.

Cornelison received the award July 24 from President B.D. Owens who praised her devoted, loyal and excellent service to the University for the past 17 years. Cornelison plans to retire August 3.

Working in the University security office under the direction of Earl Brailley for the past three years, Cornelison had previously worked in the office of the dean of students, and in the office of correspondence and extension courses.

Twins attend separate universities

Only one of the Levetzow twins will be returning to the Bearcat basketball lineup next year.

Kevin Levetzow will come back to Northwest, but his brother Jeff will attend Panhandle State in Oklahoma. According to former 'Cat coach Larry Holley, Jeff will help coach junior varsity ball next year and will play his final year of eligibility the following year.



Moving in

The Admissions Office moves into Hawkins Hall after the Ad Building fire. Most of the offices in the Ad Building have been relocated somewhere on campus. [Missourian Photo/Gieseke]

Easton, Auffert conduct recheck

President B.D. Owens has assigned Steve Easton, director of technical services, and B.H. Auffert, head electrician on the University construction crew and a member of the Maryville volunteer fire department, to recheck all fire prevention devices and programs throughout the campus.

The new check that is normally conducted periodically by security officers is set up, according to Easton, "to go through all buildings from top to bottom in order to get an outsider's or an objective point of view."

According to Easton, they are going through the buildings starting with the dorms, noting discrepancies and potential fire hazards.

Easton said the check would include examining fire extinguishers, fire and smoke alarm systems and fire hydrants.

"Some of the older dorms don't have any kind of fire or smoke alarm systems, so we would like to be finished with the housing check before the fall semester begins," said Easton.

He also added, "Fire alarm systems are expensive, so all we can do is recommend a new procedure, we can't

guarantee it will be put in." However, Easton said a recommendation will be made for all areas that have no fire protection.

The recheck will cover many other areas not normally included in the original fire prevention check.

"We are also checking fire hydrants

because they had problems operating the one in back of the Administration Building during the fire," said Easton. "We are checking for things like mineral deposits that clog the hydrants."

Easton was not sure when the original check had been done, but dated labels

on the fire extinguishers indicate they had been checked in March.

It is undecided whether checks this thorough will be conducted in the future, and Easton did not comment on the effectiveness of the regular fire prevention checks.

Crews begin clean up processes

Maintenance crews began the long duty cleaning up after the fire that damaged the Administration Building last week.

Director of Maintenance Max Harris said the plumbers and electricians have been assigned to work in the building. Harris said work has begun in the home economics area.

"They are trying to get power, water and heat restored in the area," said Harris. Plans now are to have the kitchen laboratory ready for the fall semester. If the work is completed, this will be the only area in the building that will be utilized. The administration said it would be too costly and complex to get

any other area ready for use. Harris said some work on campus has been halted so that phone, sewer and computer service can be restored as soon as possible. Work on a broken line

between Hake and Hawkins Halls, has been stopped until crewmen can get back to finish their work. Until then traffic is detoured around either building.

Teasdale visit cont.

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According to the governor, employees from the state design construction office will come to campus immediately. Budget office personnel as well as the Department of Higher Education will also tour the building.

Teasdale said that although the University may be sad this year, the entire campus will be smiling again soon.

"I'm confident there will be smiles everywhere in this area next year," he said. "Even out of all this evil some good can occur."

Recruits work, earn extra credit

To familiarize students with the campus, the physical plant recruited 24 freshmen in a summer work program.

The Student Recruit Program has drafted eight students as maintenance workers, eight for grounds and eight in the construction field. The recruits work eight hours a day at minimum wage and will have taken two P.E. courses by the end of summer school.

"We contacted schools and announced our program, and those students who were interested came to us," said Max Harris, director of maintenance.

With the many repairs on campus, it does not take much to notice exactly what these recruits do. Students working under the maintenance department are making repairs and providing custodial needs all over the campus. Those working with the grounds department tend the lawns, including caring for grass, shrubs, flowers and trees. And

those hired as construction workers serve as painters.

"The program not only acquaints the incoming freshmen with the campus," said Harris, "it also gives them a chance to earn college money, get an early start with college life by providing free room and board, and earn two credit hours from physical education courses."

Most of the students came to work on the program because their towns did not have enough job opportunities.

"I came because my town, Conception Junction, is so small and just doesn't have enough jobs," said Sally Merrigan, grounds department. "I needed a summer job and did want to get familiar with the campus."

There are not enough jobs in my town either, so this is a good opportunity for me," said Lisa Shamberger, construction department. "It is a really good program because we are paid and are

getting the feel of campus life. We meet a lot of people and will probably know them the rest of our campus life."

For the most part, the students seem to enjoy the work.

"I really love it," said Teresa Gerdes, grounds. "The director and supervisor of the program are nice because they consider our feelings. If I didn't work under these people, the work would be a lot harder."

"I'm glad I got involved," said Julia Durbin. "We take pride in what we do. We don't even litter anymore, because we are the ones who have to pick up the trash on campus."

Although the repair work the students perform can be dangerous, the students all agreed the departments are practicing strict safety measures.

"The carpenters have to wear glasses when working with the saws, and the painters have to wear hats at all times," said Shamberger.

Officials hire attorney

Bob Henry, director of news and information, said that the University has hired a law firm from Kansas City to conduct further investigation into the July 24 Administration Building fire.

"The University has secured the services of Morris and Faust to assist in further investigation concerning the cause of the fire," said Henry. "University officials feel that it is to the institution's best interest to as fully as possible understand the causes of the fire and any other related factors."

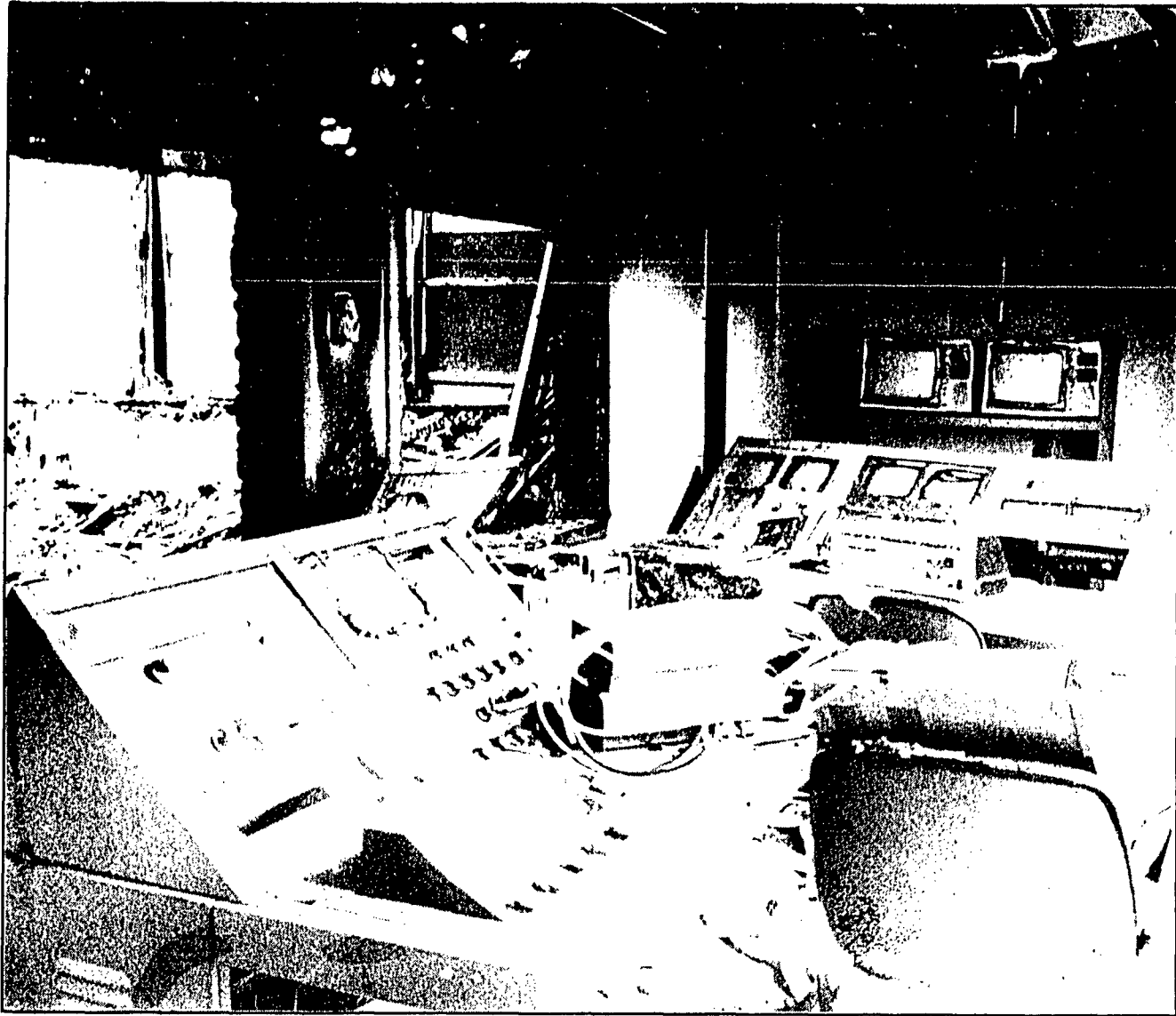
Henry emphasized that the Univer-

sity is not assuming any legal action will be taken. "However, should the findings of the investigation point in that direction, it is felt that the documentation by the law firm be reported as investigation unfolds," said Henry.

"We are interested in knowing all there is to know. So that if it is necessary to correct procedures, equipment, or whatever, in other areas on campus, we can do so immediately," said Henry.



The Missourian office will be closed next week.
See you in the fall.



Studio destroyed

The switchers lay in the TV studios in the Ad Building after last week's fire. The entire TV studio was a total loss. But University personnel lost more than equipment, some lost textbooks, diplomas and research. [Missourian Photo/Gieseke]

Storm damage restoration begun

Restoration has begun for both the Wells Learning Resource Center and the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building, which received damages during the storm two weeks ago.

Wells Learning Resource Center received water damage to approximately 200 books when the ventilator cover blew off the roof leaving these books with water spots.

According to Dr. Charles Koch, director of learning resources, the ventilators have been repaired and the

books are in the process of drying out. Most of the books have dried and will be sent to the bindery for repair. The cost is estimated at \$600.

Repairs have begun on the Fine Arts Building, which also suffered damage from the storm.

Two-thirds of the roof of the fly loft (above the stage section) blew off. This led to interior damage, resulting in the stage floor warping, stage curtains stained, and according to Robert Sunkel, associate professor of art, the rod of the "gran curtain" now takes approximately four people to open and close.

Also, the Percival DeLuce Memorial Collection, stored in the basement, received water damage to 100 of the 500 prints stored there. The prints are in the process of drying and there is no estimate of the cost of repair at this time.

The progress made includes the replacement of the entire roof above the stage, all copper flashing (part around the outside that seals the roof and wall) and all gutters have been repaired.

Theatrical design consultants will be brought in to give estimates on the curtains and the rigging (rod of curtains), and the stage floor will be refinished before the fall semester begins.

"In spite of this damage, all performances will still be held," said Sunkel.

Fire damage includes loss of personal items

Last Tuesday's fire resulted in great personal losses for many people who occupied the offices and studios of the Administration Building.

"The broadcasting system lost the majority of its equipment, and like other students, I lost a year's worth of work, which included tapes that I made as an audition for radio stations," said Greg Alvarez, broadcasting major.

Most of the broadcasters admitted they had not had time to think in terms of losing their department, but rather how to survive the loss.

"We haven't had time to sit and think that we have lost everything," said Carol Estes, broadcaster. "We began planning how to get back on the air by the morning following the fire, while the Ad Building was still burning. We heard the condition of the fire by messengers."

"You don't realize what you have until it's gone," Estes said. "We had some of the best facilities around, and now that it's gone, we are learning the backbone of KXCV-KDLX."

The loss may have been great, but certainly not a complete loss, said Larry Lewellen, instructional television technician.

"We can't die with all the students working so hard," said Lewellen. "It was the students who helped set up the system that allowed us to get back on the air Wednesday morning."

Like the broadcasting department, the speech and speech pathology department was also affected by personal losses from the fire.

Jane Wegner, speech instructor, lost nearly all of her teaching materials.

"A lot of my notebooks melted, and my notebooks that were in my desk drawers and file cabinets were charred," said Wegner.

Even though Wegner's office was severely damaged, her certificates and diploma which hung on her office wall, only suffered smoke and water damage. Also, a collection of blissymbols were damaged.

Wegner admitted she, too, had been too busy reorganizing the speech pathology client files, to give her personal materials a complete inventory.

"My first priority at this point is to get client files in order," said Wegner.

The files, containing all the tests, therapy, and diagnostic speech materials, burned. However, speech pathology students have brought from home their personal files to copy and process another therapy and diagnostic file.

Future plans have also been under consideration by many students.

"I've been most concerned about the damages because it might possibly change my plans for graduate school," said Alice Barbee, speech pathology student. "As I saw the Ad Building burn, it made me question what we will have to work with as students. Will I spend my graduate work organizing a clinic?"

Material loss was not the only loss suffered.

"All work and effort in putting the system together was a major loss as a whole," said Larry Floyd, assistant professor of communication. "We had the best speech

facility in the state of Missouri."

The speech pathology department agreed they could not have survived the fire without the help and cooperation they received.

"By having a very adaptive working staff to help us pull through and the students helping us, we have survived," said Kathie Webster, chairperson of the speech department.

Theophil Ross, assistant professor of theatre, lost everything he stored in his office.

"The only things left in my office were two file drawers which were burned," said Ross. The papers have only nine to 10 square inches which are visible. I can't use them and only kept them so I can feel I have at least something left."

Ross was not as fortunate as Wegner, because his certificates and diplomas were burned. Also, Ross had been working on his dissertation in hopes of getting his doctorate at the end of this summer. Six years of research burned in his office.

"Luckily, I had my draft at home, but this will definitely delay my doctorate," Ross said.

Ross also lost 400-500 personal textbooks, and 40 rare books which dated back to the 1850's.

"The rare books were of the civil war, and had great sentimental value," said Ross.

As costume designer, Ross also lost a table of design paints and renderings, prompt books, scripts, production records, photographs of all the productions and photographs of himself as a professional actor.

"I felt sad because I also had a lot of plants and I could just imagine them crying for me," Ross said.

As an art collector, Ross lost an etching of Maxfield Parrish, which dated back to the nineteenth century, and six etchings of Shakespeare dating back to 1893.

"It wasn't so much the fact I lost sentimental pieces," said Ross, "but I also had students' scripts, which were held dear to them, too."

The office of Dr. Charles Schultz, chairman of the theatre department, was also damaged, but he was able to recover a great deal of his materials.

"I haven't stopped to think of all my personal losses," said Schultz, "my heart goes out to Ross. I feel his loss is my loss too."

Schultz will share his materials with Ross, and the two will continue to pull through the losses together.

Schultz and Ross agreed there is something to be thankful for, despite the loss of all of the theatre.

"I just thank God no one got hurt, despite all apparent problems," said Ross. "And that the personal losses were not wide-spread."

Ross and Schultz also agreed they would not have survived without the help of the Administration, staff, volunteers and students.

"It is just fantastic to see everyone pulling together, and sharing," said Schultz. "For the first time, the meaning of unity can be seen on this campus." Schultz said the key to surviving the losses is to keep a sense of humor, forget about the past in terms of what could have been, and plan ahead for a new and brighter future.

Classifieds

LOST: RADIO, Eltra-broom. In move from the Ad Building. Contact Tina Lohafer. 582-8151.

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Weather destroys birches

Some of the University's history is being removed, but plans are under way to restore the losses.

This summer, three historic birch trees have been removed from the campus drive stretching along the east side of the main campus, and one more is scheduled to come down in August.

According to Dr. Irene Mueller, a retired former professor of biology at Northwest, "The trees are like people; they are hurt by old age, drought, extreme cold and certain other diseases."

Mueller recalls that when she joined the University faculty in 1943, the trees were large and in good health.

According to Mueller, the trees died from extreme weather conditions and old age.

"I think they died because they had been subject to extreme winter and drought conditions," said Mueller. "Their roots are rather shallow and the surface soil gets dry so their roots can't get down to the more moist soil."

After touring the campus several

weeks ago, Mueller was glad that the University has already begun replacing the old birches with new plantings.

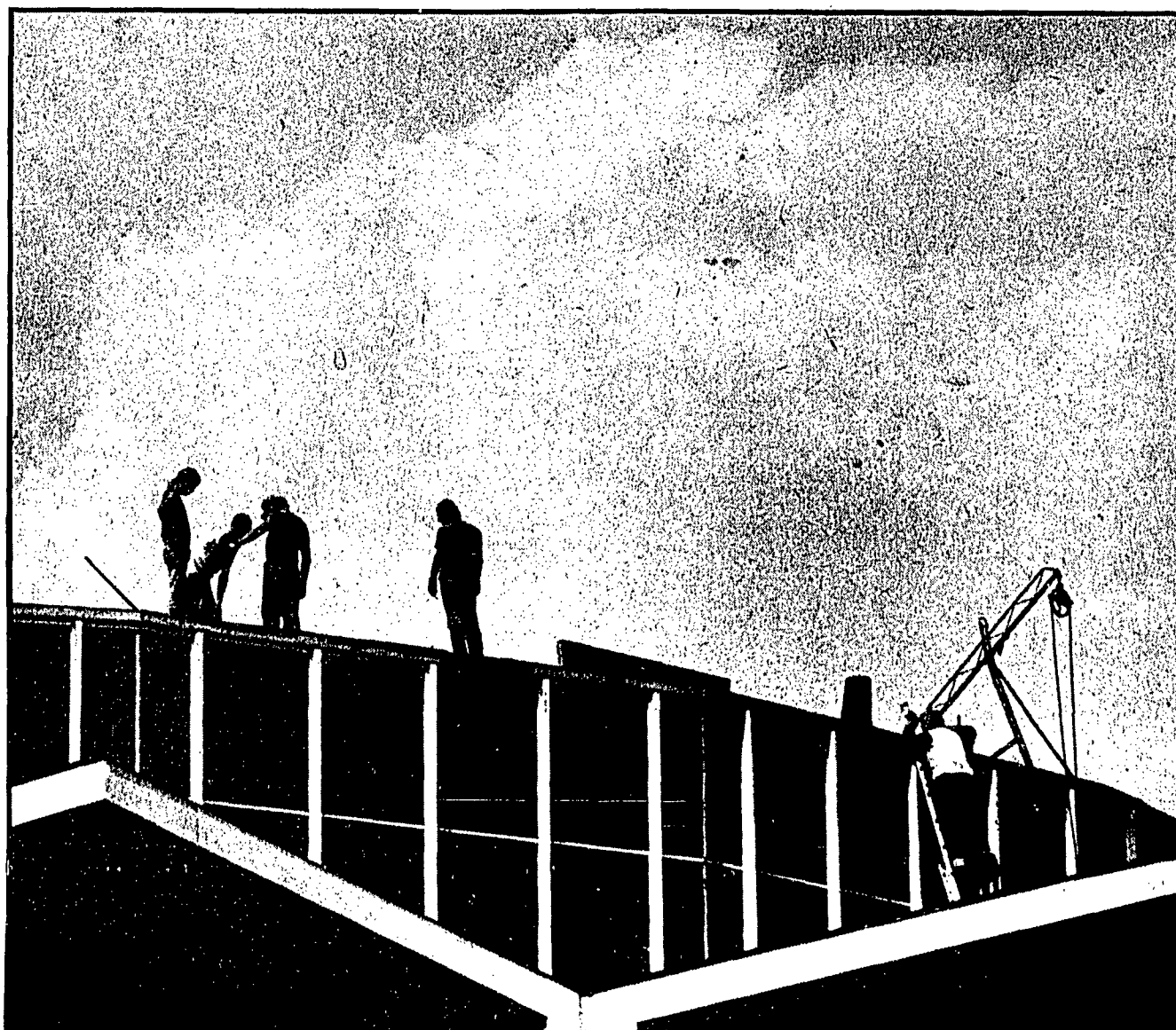
New birch trees, which are a cut leaf variety of European white birch, have already been replaced along the row where the three trees have been removed.

"They are planning to fill out other areas with new plants throughout the campus," said Mueller.

Mueller said the trees only have a 25-30 year life expectancy.

Campus grounds personnel and carpenters under the direction of Vinnie Vaccarro, University Alumni Secretary, will take portions of the trees and ultimately fashion them into objects, such as paperweights or pen and pencil set holders to offer to alumni who would like a memorable piece of the campus for their desks.

Northwest has a wide variety of trees because the campus was originally carved out of a tree nursery owned by the late Thomas Gaunt until it became the property of the Fifth District Normal School in 1905.



On top

Workers work on repairing the roof of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building. Two-thirds of the roof blew off during a storm two weeks ago. [Missourian Photo/Young]

Program helps adults complete education

Adult Basic Education classes, designed for adults who have withdrawn from high school over six months ago, are being offered to those wishing to continue their education.

ABE is located in Douglas Hall and classes are offered Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and 6:45-9 p.m.

"The program has several functions," said Linda May, administrator of the ABE program. "One is to work with people who haven't completed their high school education, and the other is to work with foreign students who are trying to learn English as a second language." Linda Stephens helps May operate the program.

ABE works with students 16 years or older, and has worked with adults in the 40's.

"We have an age limit because there

are some adults who wish to continue their education but wouldn't fit into a high school class situation," said May.

During the past year, ABE has served 222 individuals. The program works with students who want to get a Graduate-Equivalency Diploma (GED), on an individual basis, which allows the student to work at his own pace.

"The students set up their own schedules and come when they can," said May. "The individual takes the test when he feels he is ready and we agree."

The University gives the GED test once a month over a two-day period. In order to take the test, the student must send \$6.50 to the State Department of Education and \$4 to the University testing center. A \$100 per semester scholarship is offered to those in-

dividuals who score 265 or above on the test. This scholarship is applicable to the University.

Not all people are enrolled in the ABE program because they want to get a GED.

"Some of the students are enrolled because they want to increase their reading, math and English skills they may need out in the work world," May said.

Presently, ABE has expanded to serve senior citizens. Adult Basic Education in Living (ABEL) serves people in Autumn House, a housing complex for senior citizens in Maryville.

"They are a delightful group of people," said May. "They mostly seem interested in exercise, so we do what interests them. We hold discussion classes at the Maryville Health Care

Center and at the Parkdale Nursing Home."

May said she plans to work with the senior citizens on safety drills for fire and tornado.

"Most of the material presented to them is a matter of recalling," said May. "They have learned these things before and merely need to recall it."

May has ABE programs in Stanberry, Albany and Rock Port that are active during the fall and she hopes to set up more.

Even though ABE is located in a men's dormitory, May said there are no major problems.

"We get along great with the guys when school is in session, and really enjoy their company," said May.

"Some of them refer to Linda and I as 'mom,'"

Congress okays standby ration

The House voted by a 234-189 margin to allow President Carter authority to draft a standby gas rationing plan and at the same time, voted to repeal a portion of the law setting mandatory temperature controls for commercial buildings.

Buildings exempt from the 78-degree rule are those which manipulate some alternate way of saving an equivalent amount of energy. The proposal would also be extended for buildings to be exempt from setting thermostats at 65 degrees in the winter, if proved that some other form of energy saving would be used.

Washington leaders look for a speedy passage through both houses before members leave Washington Friday for the August recess.

However, some controversy has already arisen, convincing Rep. John

Dingell, D-Mich., that passage by the end of the week may be doubtful.

Supporters for the new repeal argue that turning off lights at night or turning off other electrical devices could save just as much energy as keeping thermostats at 78 degrees.

The response by their opponents, however, is that many places could be potentially dangerous without the use of proper lighting.

By giving the President responsibilities for drafting the rationing plan, lawmakers may be too vulnerable to special-interest pressures to take a leading role themselves, some officials believe.

Under the rationing part of the bill, Congress would still have the power to reject, by a one-house veto, any rationing plan the President moves to put into action.

Absurdist plays focus on bizarre

When the doorbell rings, is someone there? If you have two cars and I eat one of them up, how many will you have left? These and other meaningless questions will be answered in the theatre department's presentation of two absurdist one-act dramas.

"The Bald Soprano" and "The Lesson," written by Eugene Ionesco, will be presented next Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theatre. Despite the loss of props and costumes in last week's Administration Building fire, the production will go on as planned with only slight changes according to Theophil Ross, director.

"The costumes had been pulled from the wardrobe and were burned in the fire. The costumes we're using instead are more modern than the fifties-style dress we had originally planned to use," said Ross. "All our props and makeup were destroyed, so we're making do with what we can find. Also, people have been donating a lot of things."

Luckily, costumes and props were intended to be simple, and the simplicity adds to the bizarre qualities of the two dramas.

"The Bald Soprano" is an absurdist comedy involving two married couples (Jan Crees, Dale Dupre, Gary Hendrix and Scott Tennant), a fire chief (Randy Jackson) and a maid (Barbara Hart).

Dialogue between the players is unique at the very least, but the effect is extremely funny. One scene involves Dupre and Tennant meeting and finding each other familiar. They retrace their steps and come to the conclusion that they must be married since they have the same address, the same bedspread and the same child.

Another scene has Crees and Hendrix bickering over the question, "When the doorbell rings, is someone always there?" The answer, they decided, was "sometimes."

"The Lesson" is equally insane, but more seriously so. The one-act involves a student (Mary Kay McDermott) and an old professor (Timothy Treese) in a bizarre intellectual battle which involves extreme mental and physical torture for the student. Hart again plays the part of the maid.

Both plays are strikingly well-executed, with especially good performances by Crees, McDermott, Hendrix and Treese.

Admission to the one-acts is free.

Free health services offered

Free health services are available to everyone in Nodaway County in the Nodaway County Health Center presently located at the Maryville Courthouse, Fourth and Main.

Services offered include chronic disease detection, school health services, vaccines for state-required immunizations, office and home visits, educational services and counseling, available drugs and referral services.

According to Marian George, head nurse in the health center, the staff primarily consists of nurses because the facilities are too small to contain a physician. A physician's order is required before immunizations or drugs can be issued.

In October a new federally funded program, Women, Infants and Children

(WIC), will go into effect. This is a food supplement program for high-risk mothers, infants and children with poor hemoglobin and eating habits.

Grad students tackle counselling

Graduate students working toward a master of science degree in Counseling Psychology get a chance to apply what they have learned in challenging fields throughout the area.

In order to obtain the degree, graduate students must complete a 30-hour practicum directed toward preparing students to counsel in non-educational settings, such as mental health clinics, family counseling



Rare blooming

Father Chuck Jones looks at his Night Blooming Cereus plant one evening. This plant has only bloomed once in the four years Jones has had it. [Missourian Photo/Young]

Impatient plant lovers who wait frantically for flowers to bloom each summer, would find themselves disturbed with Father Charles Jones' plant.

Jones' Night Blooming Cereus is an unusual blooming plant.

"I don't know how often it does bloom, but I would say infrequently," said Jones, director of Newman House. "It has bloomed only once in the four years I've had it. However, it blooms annually in its natural habitat."

This plant is similar in appearance to a water lily from the front view,

has protrusions and is very long.

However, "it's not an exotic plant and reminds one of a jungle plant," said Jones.

Although it is not heavy, the plant is five feet tall and "awkward to move."

"I don't move it around much," Jones said.

The plant has only required the simple care of watering once a week.

Both leaves and flowers grow out of leaves. These leaves range anywhere from eight to 12 inches long.



Unusual play

The professor [Timothy Treese] tries to teach the student [Mary Kay McDermott] how to say "knife" in many different languages. The student is unresponsive because she has a toothache, and the professor loses his temper with her. [Missourian Photo/Smith]

units, mental hospitals and other agencies where counseling psychology is required or helpful.

Rodger Moles, a graduate student working toward the M.S. degree, is fulfilling his practicum at the Division of Probation and Parole office in St. Joseph, Mo., where he counsels people on parole or probation on an individual basis. One of Moles' main tasks is to aid the individual in positive objective goals for the future.

According to Moles, "I chose the parole office because most of the people there aren't just looking for extra attention. They are people that have real problems."

At the present time, Moles is involved in writing a presentence

investigation that will ultimately be submitted to a judge in the circuit court for advisement on sentencing.

Dr. Richard Wantz, instructor for the practicum, says "The program gives the students a chance to see what part of their cognitive learning is relevant and what isn't relevant in practical application." He also said, "Employers look at the amount of practical experience the graduate has in a field before hiring."

To select the area in which a student will fulfill a practicum, students submit three preferences to Wantz. Then Wantz sends agencies the student's applications and if accepted, the student arranges hours and duties with the agency.

Speech clinic resumes operation

The speech and hearing clinic, once a resident of the fire-damaged fourth floor of the University's Administration Building, is serving its 38 summer clients in Hake Hall on the campus, after missing only one day of work following the July 24 fire.

Clinic supervisor Jane Wegner said the clinic's ability to go back into operation so quickly was the result of "fantastic efforts" from the staff, currently enrolled students majoring in communications disorders, and alumni of the program.

Students have played a major part in the clinic's ability to continue to serve the citizens of the University's service region.

Almost all testing equipment was lost in the fire, as were spirit duplicator masters of written tests given the clients, catalogs of tests and equipment, furniture, desks, and testing booths and laboratory space.

Volunteer efforts and contributions of the students and alumni, however, saved copies of many of the tests, lists of the clinic's holdings and testing procedures are coming back into the clinic from student notebooks. These tests and lists had been handouts in classes during the summer and past academic year.

Remaining projects include sorting through what was saved and what has been donated and to retype spirit masters as quickly as possible so the full range of testing can be achieved.

Almost all client files, which were stored in metal cabinets, did not perish, except for badly charred edges on the papers. These will have to be recopied by hand, and that process is beginning with students in their non-class hours doing much of the retyping.

Testing equipment must also be ordered to replace what was lost in the fire.

Despite the adversity, there are some positive aspects to what has happened.

As Sherry Reed, a communications disorders major, put it, "at least we are learning how to build a clinic from the ground floor up."

Reed continued, "We lost much of what we had, but the beautiful thing about it is that students, faculty and alumni have worked together in an effort that has not depended upon the normal student-faculty relationship."

A few client records were destroyed--those in student mail-boxes in the clinic prior to the fire as they worked up reports following client sessions--but it is felt by Wegner that those few can be reconstructed from student notebook entries and with minimal retesting this fall.

While the fire was destructive, the rebuilding process has provided an almost unmatched opportunity for students to learn the process of creating a speech and hearing clinic virtually from scratch.

Faculty writes poetry

Although Craig Goad and Dr. William Trowbridge are occupied with the responsibilities of their work as faculty members, both find time to write poetry.

"We are both intensely interested in poetry and our reward is the basic reward of creating something. Certainly writing poetry helps you understand it more and makes you a more effective teacher," said Trowbridge, associate professor of English.

"This is done in addition to our teaching here at the University," said Goad, assistant professor of English. "However, this is certainly relevant to what education is about."

Goad's "Porky's Hymn to Kansas City" will be published in *Pawn Review* and "Kodaks" will be published in *Tight Rope*.

"Writing poetry is a struggle. It's difficult to do and that makes me more aware of the struggles my students have with their writing," said Goad.

Trowbridge's poem, "Supermarket," will also be published in *Pawn Review*. Three of his poems were also accepted

for publication in an anthology of Missouri poets, published by the editors of *New Letters*.

"Writing is an act of love because there's little or no money involved," said Trowbridge.

According to Goad, both have written more since the Midlands Poetry Workshop held on campus in April.

"This brought us into contact with several publishing and practicing poets and served as a stimulus to our own writing," said Goad. "We hope to make this an annual event, because we believe that it will be a help to others as they pursue writing."

According to Trowbridge, the workshop will "enrich the general atmosphere of the campus."

"It's important to have such functions in addition to the class work to keep the campus alive," said Trowbridge.

"The function of the University is to encourage self-awareness and self-expression, and to me, that's what poetry is all about," said Goad.

Job placement level up

Donald Carlile, director of placement services, has revealed that placement figures released June 12 are at the highest mid year level than at any time in the past six years.

The figures released show 395 persons have been placed since January 1. This is compared to the previous record of 374 in 1976-77. At this time last year, 333 persons were reported to have accepted positions. These figures indicate an 18 percent increase rate.

Education is one area that is in demand. Carlile said there is such a need for teachers that the University cannot supply enough. He emphasized teachers were in great need in the areas of learning disabilities, special education and the educable mentally retarded.

Carlile attributed the great demand for teachers to the simple reason that not as many people are going into education.

"We would like for young people to

know that there are jobs in teaching available, despite what they have been told. There may not have been a demand for teachers before, but that is not the case now."

Carlile expects the numbers of education degree candidates to drop again next year.

This has also been a good year for non-education majors. Carlile said that over 100 employers came on campus to interview prospective employees.

"We want to make it clear that those 100 employers weren't here for teaching placement day. On that day we had around 91 schools represented."

Carlile said that the new location of the Placement Office has also been a factor in the increasing job acceptance rate. Formerly located in the Administration Building, Placement moved to the Student Union Building.

"Now we are more accessible to students," said Carlile.

Bennett studies plants

Isolation and transfer of live chromosomes from one plant to another is the future goal of Paul Bennett, a graduate student studying plant physiology.

This experiment is being conducted as an independent study directed toward a master's degree in biology.

The procedure initially involves

collecting buds from tobacco correlating bud length with the stage of meiotic development, dissecting the anthers, (the male part of the plant), and then extracting the pollen mother cells from within the anthers. Methods of extracting the cells include a variety of enzymatic, chemical and mechanical techniques.

According to Bennett, "These techniques are directed toward obtaining the highest possible yields. We need a workable quantity."

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," said Bennett, "because we are a long way from producing the actual live product."

The procedure is a fairly recent form of science and the students have to try many methods separately to obtain the correct results.

Further possibilities that could result from these types of experiments are correction of genetic disease, giving plants more desirable characteristics and other developments in genetic engineering.

Experiments Bennett has performed this summer center mainly around the isolation of chromosomes. Many other followup experiments are possible as a result of this research.

Bennett previously taught biology and chemistry at Twin Tiers Baptist High School in Breesport, New York. His future plans are undecided, but he says he would like to go into some form of industrial work.

Dr. Milton Bruening, associate professor of biology, is directing the graduate program.

D'Aurelio leads band

Dr. Guy D'Aurelio has been appointed to assume direction of the University's Symphonic Band and Marching Bearcat Band.

D'Aurelio and the Marching Bearcat Band will be making their 1979-80 public debut Sept. 8, when the football Bearcats host Pittsburg State University at 1:30 p.m. in Rickenbrode Stadium.

A Ph.D. recipient from the University of Wisconsin, D'Aurelio comes to Northwest from the University of Northern Colorado, where he served the past four years as associate director of bands and director of the marching band.

He was responsible for writing and producing half-time shows for all Northern Colorado home football games, as well as an annual performance at Mile-High Stadium at a Denver Broncos' football game.

At Northern Colorado, D'Aurelio, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Kent State University, also conducted the concert band and was an assistant professor of music education.

In addition to his experience and achievements in the field of instrumental music, D'Aurelio was music director for two musical productions and choral director for a third in the Department of Theatre at Kent State University. He maintains an active interest in the theatre and will assist with musical productions at Northwest.

In announcing D'Aurelio's appointment, Robert Sunkel, head of Northwest's Division of Fine Arts, said, "We are most fortunate in having been able to attract a person with such outstanding experience and achievements. D'Aurelio is not only a director and conductor of the highest caliber, but also one vitally interested in quality training of future music teachers, which is the primary purpose of the music programs at Northwest Missouri State University."

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Opinion

New fraternity could wait

There are six fraternities on campus, some of which are struggling to stay above water.

Then there is the second largest fraternity in the nation, Sigma Phi Epsilon, which just happens to want to start a new chapter on the NWMSU campus.

The Inter Fraternity Council will make the primary decision as to whether the fraternity should be allowed to organize here and several factors must be taken into consideration.

First, a certain amount of loyalty and camaraderie should be granted the six existing fraternities, some of which have been on campus for decades.

Shouldn't our own fraternities be given a chance to rebuild before a new one moves in, lessening the chances of a successful spring rush for the original?

The Sigma Phi Epsilon would not effect fall rush, but the thrust of fraternity rush comes from the spring.

It is great to desire a better campus and increased membership, but the urgency of higher membership, but they realize this. For them to remain an active chapter, changes will have to be made.

But give them the benefit of the doubt, at least for awhile!

If they cannot pull it off in the next year or even two, then open the shop windows and let other fraternities look us over.

Greeks are a major part of this campus and we definitely do not want to wait until it is too late to revive the active Greek spirit that is left.

At second glance Cindy Sedler

An ironic aftermath seemed to be the name of the game for the Administration Building fire.

Since the fire, a stream of ironic twists, some more fortunate than others, have surfaced.

First, the University conducts fire safety checks about this time every year. Not that anything would have changed if the check had been made at an earlier date, but irony certainly hovers over the coincidence.

Luck was not all bad, however. The broadcasting department had sent a camera to be repaired which was due to have arrived several weeks ago. Luckily, it did not arrive on time, avoiding what might have been a significant amount of monetary value added to the already tremendous loss.

The Frank Deerwester Theatre, which was 70 percent completed, needed only one part of a sprinkler system which it was waiting on, to have

a complete sprinkler system. The part arrived on the day of the fire and had not been installed.

It is also ironic that the fire alarms in the Ad Building, though they have not worked properly for quite some time, were turned off just hours before the fire broke out.

The most symbolic twist of all, however, concerned the statue of Abraham Lincoln, which is on the second floor of the Ad Building. Fire had damaged the wall and ceiling within a foot of the statue, yet Abe survived.

And just as Abe survived the fire, so shall the University.

Correction

The state fire marshal is Tom Behrendsen, not Tom Barington as reported in the July 27 issue of the Northwest Missourian.



Standing tall

The statue of Abraham Lincoln stands unharmed at the entrance to the Frank Deerwester Theatre. Although the statue was not damaged, the Theatre was a total loss in the Administration Building fire last week. [Missourian Photo/Mercer]

Letters

The campus mentor

Interpretation Dave Gieseke

Dear Missourian Staff,

I would just like to compliment you on your coverage of the Administration Building fire. There were no other area newspapers that covered nearly every aspect of how the blaze affected the University and students. It was a job well done.

Just like the University, you did not sit back on your heels and ponder the disaster. Instead, you worked 48 hours around the clock and covered the story like true professionals.

Although you had no phones to use, you still did the legwork all over the campus and community to try and get the complete story. This fact alone should say something about the journalism department. The University should appreciate such dedication. But as you know, no one can appreciate the hours involved taking pictures, the time spent in the darkroom, the legwork involved in getting the story and the hours spent typesetting and pasting-up.

I can appreciate the work you put into the fire issue. It's something you should be proud of...it's a damn good job. I just hope I'm not the only one to compliment you on your work, but with how close the University has become over this disaster, I know others will acknowledge your fine work.

Sincerely,
Laura Wildmer,
Former Missourian Editor

"Do you get the feeling some of this stuff doesn't belong in this office?"



Unless you have been inside the Administration Building after the fire, you cannot realize the damage that has been inflicted on this structure.

In order to get in, a person has to wear a hard hat. The only entrance into the building is on the east side. It is here that the first glance of the destruction can be seen. Water is throughout the building and you wade through towards the center stairway. By this time you can see the first major damage to the building. It is also here that any hope of a quick repair leaves your heart. The Little Theatre is a total loss. From the entrance to the theatre you can see the sky and all the rubble that used to house the performances of this University's finest actors and actresses.

From there you go up the center steps to the second floor. The first floor was bad but nothing compared to the second floor. Although the statue of Abraham Lincoln remains standing, it is the only thing in that area that doesn't seem damaged. Like the Little Theatre directly below it, the Frank Deerwester Theatre was destroyed. Most of these seats are lying in their same position, but are twisted from the intense heat of the fire. Giant steel beams lie across these seats and you can look up into the sky and see the clouds.

It is up to the third floor of the building and what used to be the radio station. Water puddles are still everywhere as you move into what used to be the entrance of the station. Somehow, some of the equipment was saved in this area. After you look at the destruction it is unbelievable this could happen. Not 100 feet from the practice studios, where equipment was saved, everything is a total loss. What used to be the TV studio is completely gone. The switches lie burnt and twisted. A large piece of concrete looms over some of the building. It is still hanging by three or four pieces of steel rod, just waiting to cause more damage to the heart and soul of the University.

From the TV studio you can look down to the Deerwester Theatre and see the damage more clearly. Nothing is standing but the walls. It looks like someone has bombed the building, the walls are so bare. But one gets a little burst of hope pumped into him at this point. Broadcasters and University personnel are trying to salvage all they can from the building. Approximately 18,000 albums were saved.

Fourth floor, which housed the speech department, probably sustained the most damage. Yet this floor leaves one with bewilderment. What used to be the lounge of the department is totally destroyed, as is the speech pathology labs. But just a little way down the hall, the offices of some of the instructors look like their occupants have just stepped out to lunch.

From here there is no where to go but down. As you tramp down the steps to the bottom floor, the damage is all around you. It is hard to believe that just one day before, classes were held here and business was carried on as usual.

The Stroller

Wedding bell blues had struck your Stroller that hot sultry day in July. His closest and dearest friend had fallen for Cupid's arrow and was taking that giant step into marital bliss. Being the good friend he is, he promised to be the best man at the wedding.

The night before the wedding, the groom came to Stroller with the rings.

"You're in charge of these now," he said.

"Don't worry," your Stroller said calmly. "I am in complete control."

However, your Stroller had been partaking of his favorite beverage and was therefore a little intoxicated. He last remembered putting the bride's ring on the ledge and the groom's on his hand.

"You are a clever devil," he thought sleepily.

The wedding day was here, and the Stroller got up with just a slight headache. He quickly dressed and hurried off to the church. Halfway there he remembered the rings. So he went

back to his room and looked for the rings. But, to no avail. There were no rings to be found. Then it hit him. Just like a bolt of lightning. The rings were on his hands. And there was one on his left hand. But where was the other one? Then he spied it on the ledge by the air-conditioner.

"Woosh," he thought. "I could have gotten into a lot of trouble had I lost that ring!"

As he grabbed for the ring, he tripped on an empty glass and fell. His hand struck the ledge, pushing the ring into the air-conditioning vent. Gloom, despair, agony and woe entered your Stroller's mind. With a little bit of quick thinking and clever ingenuity, your hero improvised the bride's ring with a neatly folded piece of aluminum foil.

Later, as the bride and groom were ready to say their "I do's" the nervous groom ripped the bride's ring in half.

The last time your Stroller saw any of the bridal party they were running down the street like a riot scene out of the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago.

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Poulson resigns as Bearkitten coach, cont.

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when they hired him three years ago. "We knew when we hired him that he might leave. We almost lost him last year, but he decided to stick around for a little while longer," she said.

In his letter of resignation, Poulson said that he and his wife had given a lot of thought to their situation before they took any action.

"My wife and I have given careful consideration to our situation and feel for the good of all concerned it is necessary that we live and work in the same area," he said. "I have enjoyed my three years here at Northwest and have enjoyed the friendships and associations I have made."

During his stay here at Northwest, Poulson coached the women's basketball and softball teams. In his three seasons, Poulson guided the Bearkitten basketball team to a 53-29 record. This mark includes a 20-win season in 1978 when the squad placed second in the state and received a bid to the regional tournament.

Although his softball teams were not as successful as his basketball teams, they won almost 50 games in his stay here. In his initial season, the Kittens won 19 while losing 15.

According to Reeves, no hard feelings were felt by either party.

"The feelings on both parts are okay. He was sorry to leave and we're sorry to let him go. It's a big loss to our department, but it was just a matter of circumstances," she said.

Reeves said that it will be tough to replace Poulson as a coach.

"When we had an opening a couple of years ago, he was the man I wanted for the position. He is the best basketball coach in the area and one of the best in the nation. To fill his shoes will be next to impossible," she said.

But Reeves said the chore will start soon and will resemble the same type of process that was used to name a new Bearcat basketball coach earlier this summer.

"Deadline for the applications for the position is Aug. 9," she said. "Tentatively, we plan to name a successor by the fifteenth."

After the applications are received, a screening committee will narrow the finalists down to three and will then interview them. The new coach will start work Aug. 20. But right now the department is only taking applications for a new basketball coach. Dr. John Mees, vice president for student affairs, said that it is possible a graduate assistant might run the softball program, although no final decision has been made.

"We can have two special graduate appointments," Mees said, "and one of these could be in softball. But it could be that one person is best qualified for both positions. We just don't know yet."

Although only one person is being sought for the position, Reeves said the lateness of Poulson's resignation could hamper finding a replacement.

"The lateness of the job opening is bound to be a factor in the number of applicants we receive," Reeves said. "A lot of good people will be unwilling to give up a job and apply this late."



Poulson quits

Coach John Poulson sits along the bench during a Bearkitten basketball game last year. Poulson resigned last week so he could move closer to his wife. [Missourian Photo/Gieseke]

On the sidelines

Dave Gieseke

It's that time of the year again. Football practice has started for the professionals and it won't be long before the Bearcats of NWMSU start theirs.

And like most football teams, the 'Cats will be trying to improve on their last season's record. But unlike some other teams, the 'Cats cannot get any worse.

Last season the Jim Redd-coached team finished the year in last place in their conference and did not win a single game all year long. Anything that could happen this year couldn't be as bad as last, but don't expect a winner. As it stands right now the 'Cats could win as many as five games, but don't count on it. But then again anything can happen during a football season.

The schedule is a killer again this year. The football team plays the same opponents this year as they did last year and everyone knows what happened then. Besides playing a tough conference schedule, the 'Cats have Nebraska-Omaha and Central Arkansas to contend with this year.

The schedule wasn't the only thing that hampered the 'Cats last season. The rushing game was a weak spot all year long, but not only in the offensive side. Both rushing offense and defense finished last in the conference last year. Both of these statistics must improve before the 'Cats will be a contender again.

Last year the passing game was the one bright spot. But with the graduation of Kirk Mathews, this phase of the game will be weakened. The guy who looks like he will take over the top spot from Mathews is Mark Smith. Although he is an excellent runner, Smith is not a Mathews in the passing department and this will hurt the 'Cats. But with receivers like Gary Hogue and Brad Boyer, the 'Cats should come up with a fine passing game.

Passing defense also was a bright spot last season. And with the entire backfield, including safety Dave Toti, returning this should also be a bright spot for the coming year. Linebackers should also be strong with Rick Tate leading the way. Tate set a defensive points record for the 'Cats last season.

The specialty games were also a weak spot for the 'Cats the past year. The returns and the punts were good, but too many penalties, blocked punts and fumbles often put the 'Cats in a bad situation. This must turn around before they can expect to win many games.

Finally, the transfers and the recruits that Redd is bringing in should determine what kind of a year the team will have. Redd has tried to go out and bring in players to fill the gaps in the offensive and defensive lines as well as a couple of speedy backs.

So unless some of these recruits work out, it looks like another long year for the 'Cats and Redd. But don't expect another 0-11 season. The team will probably play the spoiler role in a couple of games and should win more than they did last year.

Faculty invited to clinics

Sandy Miller, NWMSU athletic trainer and John Poulson, former Bearkitten basketball coach, are attending sports clinics this summer in Mexico City and Denmark, respectively.

Miller and three other health experts will present a clinic on the prevention and treatment of athletic injuries at Americas University in Mexico City, Aug. 6-10.

They will be speaking mainly to doctors with an interest in sports. "Basically, it is a clinic to give them the general idea of the treatment and prevention of sports injuries," says Miller. "We're kind of going into this in the dark because we don't know how much they already know." Also, the dangers of heat stroke and heat exhaustion due to the high temperatures of the Mexican climate will be discussed.

Others attending the clinic are Molly McGannon, physical therapist of the sports medicine clinic at the Kansas City Rehabilitation Center, Dr. J.K. Shepperd, orthopedic surgeon in Sherman, Texas, and Gary Hazelrigg, athletic trainer at Missouri Western

State College. Hazelrigg was in Mexico City last March in association with MIAA basketball, and has asked these experts to return with him for this clinic.

This four-day clinic is an introduction to the ninth World University Games set for September 2-14 in Mexico City. Miller says they will be guests of the Mexican National Sports Institute. This is an effort by Mexico to update their techniques in sports medicine and improve their role in athletics on a national scale, according to Miller.

More than 5000 athletes from 183 countries are expected to compete in this year's World University Games. The United States will be represented by approximately 325 student athletes, coaches, administrators and staff.

Poulson and his wife are currently attending a Danish National basketball camp in Aarhus, Denmark. One of three American coaches invited, Poulson will be lecturing on pre-season conditioning for women athletes.

Meeting from July 29-August 12, the basketball camp will consist mostly of instructors and athletes from Scandinavian countries.



City leaguers

University personnel and students participate in a softball game in the women's city league. There are three regular city leagues and a church league in addition to the women's league. [Missourian Photos/Smith]

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Baseball is considered the national pastime or the national sport, but slow pitch softball is gaining speed, especially in the Maryville area.

Besides a recreational league on campus, the city has several different leagues for residents and University students to participate in. There are three divisions of city leagues, a women's league and a church league.

According to Tom Meyers, participant in the church league and the information specialist in the University's News and Information Office, the city leagues are more competitive.

Meyers said the city league's teams usually have a sponsor, but other organizations can have a team. The NWMSU construction workers have a

team Meyers said.

Each league has approximately eight teams apiece. Meyers said that most of the players play because they like to compete and play the game.

But he did say that the church league was not as competitive as the others.

"You want to win, but when the game is over, that is where it ends. We usually don't carry the game any further," he said.

Meyers said the difference between winning and losing a city league softball game is the defense.

"There are a lot of good players, but it is mainly hitting and defense," he said. "The teams that win are the ones that play really good defense."

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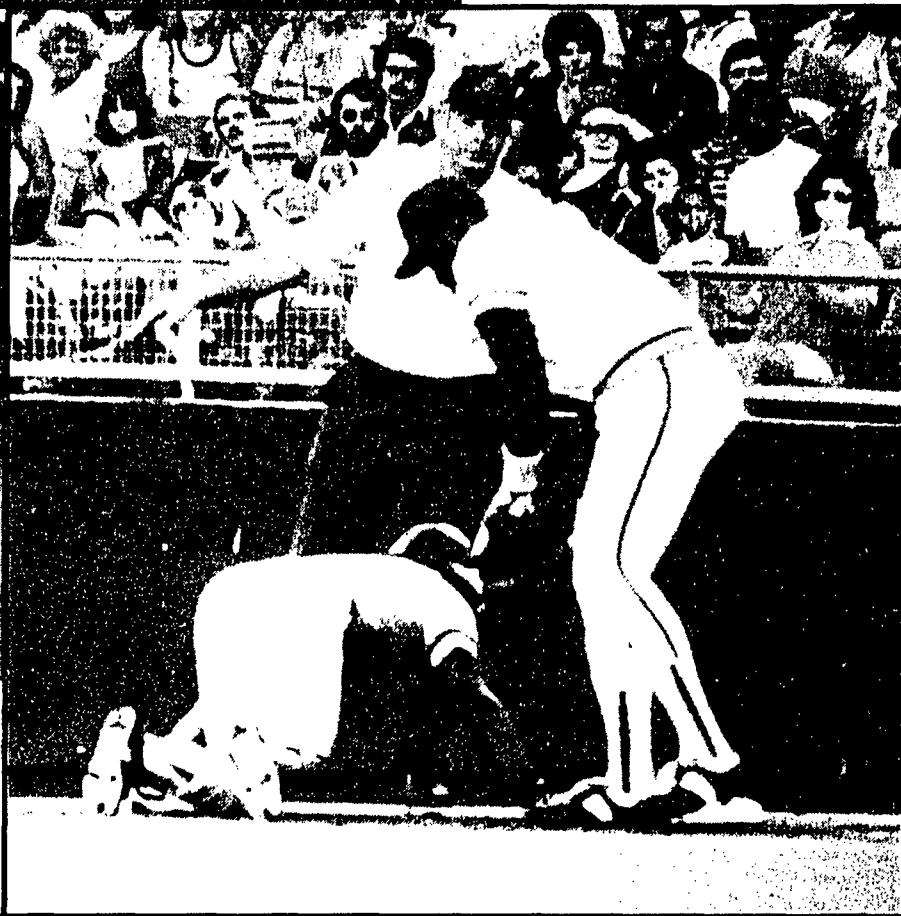
Homeward bound

Dennis Leonard hurls a pitch home in the Oriole game last Friday. Leonard didn't last long as the Royals lost 8-0. [Missourian Photo/Smith]



Royal action

ABOVE: Fred Patek heads for third in a game against Baltimore. Patek had doubled earlier in the contest. RIGHT: George Scott applies a tag on a runner but the umpire rules the opponent safe. [Missourian Photos/Smith]



Cards still in fifth

Royals remain in fourth

The baseball wars have gone another week and the two area professional teams, the Kansas City Royals and The St. Louis Cardinals, are still back of the pack in the race for their division titles.

As the season heads into the dog days of August, the Royals are in fourth place in the American League's Western Division. They are currently 7½ games behind the California Angels.

The Cardinals are closer to the top spot than the Royals are, but they are in fifth place in the Eastern Division of the National League. They are six games behind the front-running Montreal Expos.

The Royals started off their week by finishing the series with the Chicago White Sox. After winning the first game

of the series, the Royals dropped the next game to the White Sox. But Whitey Herzog's Royals came back with a strong pitching performance by Larry Gura to win the series' finale.

Gura got back on the winning track as he limited Chicago to just five hits in the 6-1 victory. This was the first win for Gura in over a month. For a change, the Royals also added power to the game. Fred Patek hit a three-run blast and Amos Otis had a solo homer to lead the Royals to victory. But before this burst of power, the Royals were having trouble reaching base, let alone getting a hit. After the first 13 Royals were retired, Al Cowens singled to center. Later that inning Patek hit his first home run of the year.

After the Chicago series it was back home for the Royals as they prepared to face the Eastern Division leading Baltimore Orioles. The Orioles came to Kansas City with the best record in the major leagues and they showed the Royals why.

In the opener it was all Baltimore and Mike Flanagan. Flanagan won his 14th game of the year as he just allowed three hits for the Royals. Meanwhile, Royals' starter Dennis Leonard was being hit hard as the O's hit two home runs off the Royals' ace. It was Leonard's eighth loss of the year.

Otis collected two of the hits off Flanagan in the game. He singled in the first and ninth innings. Patek provided the only other offense for the Royals. He hit a fluke double to center in the third. Three Orioles let the ball drop for the hit.

After Saturday's game the Royals continued to lose to the Orioles. Paul Splittorff was the victim this time as the Royals went down to defeat.

The expansion Blue Jays came to town on Monday and Gura got a chance to prove himself once again. This time he pitched a three-hit shutout to lead the Royals to a 9-0 victory. Darrell Porter drove in three runs in the ball game and Patek continued to hit well with a single and a double in the contest.

The next night wasn't so easy for Kansas City. This time it took George Scott's first home run as a Royal to

complete the comeback. Leonard again had a hard time on the mound as the Blue Jays scored all five runs off him in two innings. Marty Pattin came on in relief to claim the victory.

After trailing by a 5-1 score, the Royals began their comeback in the second inning. Patek drove in Scott with a single and the Royals were within three runs. Kansas City added another run in the third and yet another in the sixth. But it was the seventh inning that drove the ball club over the top. After Cowens singled, Scott hit his first home run as a Royal over the left-field wall to give the Royals a 6-5 victory.

But that victory could prove costly because All-Star third baseman George Brett reinjured his right thumb in the contest. This was the thumb that Brett had operated on last March. As of yet the seriousness of the injury isn't known.

The Cardinals also won and lost some this past week. The week began in Atlanta and concluded in Montreal. The Cards once again got a good pitching performance from Silvio Martinez. This was his fifth victory in his last six decisions.

In the game, Martinez allowed just five hits as the Cards won 6-2. Ted Simmons and George Hendrick each had two runs batted in for the Redbirds.

The ball club got another strong pitching game the next night as Bob Forsch threw a three-hitter to defeat the Philadelphia Phillies. Hendrick again drove in two runs as the Cards won 5-0. Forsch won his fourth game of the year.

After the weekend series with Philadelphia, the Cards traveled to Montreal to face the Expos. In a double header on Monday night the two teams split the contests.

Tuesday night the Cards lost another one, this time by a 5-0 score. Martinez lost this game as Rudy May threw a three-hitter.

The Cards will stay on the road this weekend as they go back to the West Coast to face the San Diego Padres. After that they will return to Chicago to take on the Cubs.

The Royals start on an East coast swing this weekend when they go to Detroit.

Schedule tough for football 'Cats

Even after an 0-11 season, Coach Jim Redd feels his football Bearcats can make a comeback this season.

"The players and coaches did not have a losing attitude last year," Redd said. "I don't think the players gave up last year, and I think we can come back."

Although he would not predict how many wins his team would attain or the final position they would have in the conference standings, Redd said that the team will be improved over last year's in four areas.

"Our goal is to have a winning football season. We have a long way to go, but I think we have made steps in the right direction," he said.

Redd said hard work in the winter program and an effective spring football season were two of those areas.

"The players that are coming back really want to be here," he said. "We also had a good recruiting year, and the majority of our coaching staff is returning. There is far more continuity here than there has been in years past."

The schedule is once again going to be difficult according to Redd. The 'Cats play the same opponents they did last year.

"We have a very demanding, challenging schedule. But if we get prepared week to week, the record will take care of itself," Redd said.

Offensively the 'Cats should be strong once again in the passing game. According to Redd, it looks like Mark Smith will take over as quarterback from Kirk Mathews.

"I really think we can have a strong

passing game," he said. "Our perimeter people (flankers and split ends) should be as good as anybody's."

Redd said the running backs will be the biggest question mark on the team.

"I have no idea who the running backs will be," he said. "We should have strong competition there. There should be more competition and speed here than we have had in a long time."

"But the backs are not really proven, and I don't know how they will do," Redd continued.

According to Redd, the offensive and defensive lines should show improvement over last year. He said two players, Jay Nower and Gene Gladstone will be the key here.

"In the past, these two have been

offensive starters, but they have the capability to start either offense or defense," Redd said. "This (the lines) is where we should show a strong improvement."

Redd also said that the linebacking positions as well as the defensive secondary should also be strong.

"We have three strong linebackers returning, and we have good depth at the defensive secondary," Redd said.

Because of this depth, Redd feels that competition for the starting spots will be intense.

"We will have more competition this year for the starting positions. Every time we go out onto the field, we want to put the best 22 players out there," he said.

Alsup hopeful for season

Although he lost All-American Vernon Darling, Coach Richard Alsup feels that his men's cross country team can challenge for second place in the MIAA conference championships.

"We have enough material to finish no lower than fourth. I think realistically we have a shot at second," he said.

According to Alsup, Central Missouri State will once again be the team to beat come conference time. But he also said that Southwest Missouri State and Southeast Missouri State cannot be counted out for the title.

"If we get our act together, we can go far. The potential for a good season is there. We just have to put it together," he said.

Although Alsup said the team will miss the services of Darling, who completed his eligibility here, he was several top runners returning.

"We will have six lettermen returning for this season. Among these will be Dave Montgomery, who ran number two most of the season," Alsup said. "He has run quite well this summer in a couple of road runs and should be ready to run cross country."

Alsup said that Bob Kelchner will be a real key in the success of the upcoming season.

"Bob has never had the cross country season he is capable of. He has been working hard this summer and he hopes to make it more successful this year," Alsup said.

Alsup also said that the remaining four lettermen should help the team, as will four or five of his recruits this year. He also said a couple of provisional lettermen could make the squad.

"We have some outstanding pro-

spects. But you can never tell how serious incoming freshmen can be about their running. These kids, plus a couple of others, could help us right away," Alsup said.

Alsup said that four or five incoming freshmen can vie for positions on the varsity squad immediately.

"These guys can challenge for a varsity position right away. But it is tough breaking into the lineup," he said.

One factor that will be going against the squad this year is the lack of home meets. Currently only one is scheduled, but Alsup said that this has happened before.

"We're back in the same position we were two years ago," he said. "More than anything it is going to hurt my budget. With the cost of gas these days we will have to drive down on the same day of the meet instead of staying overnight."

Landes rises with the sun

The morning begins early for Richard Landes, foreign language professor. Along with two other riders, he is out on his bicycle tour a little after sunrise.

"We now ride at 6:30 every morning. We have a route of 10 miles which consists of a five-mile loop that we cover twice," said Landes.

The three bicycle tourists meet at the Bell Tower before each ride.

While the tourists restrict themselves to the Maryville area during the morning rides, they meet at 1 p.m. and travel to other surrounding areas during

Recruits to help team

Last year the volleyball squad finished third in the state tournament. According to Coach Pam Stanek, her team peaked at this event, and she sees no reason why they shouldn't finish at least third or fourth this year.

But this year is different with the new divisions in the women's sports. Stanek said that the volleyball team will be playing in Division II, but most of their opponents last year will now be playing Division III.

"Most of the schools we will play this year have previously played in the large school division," Stanek said. "Because of this we will have a much tougher schedule."

Regardless of this tough schedule, Stanek feels her team will be one of the top teams in the state. In fact, she thinks the squad is equal right now with national playoff participant Missouri Western.

"Last year we peaked out at state tournament time. This year we are starting out equal with Missouri

Western and have just as much of a chance of winning the state title as they do."

But Stanek did say there was more to winning a state title than just talent.

"In volleyball, attitudes win games more than skills do. It all depends on how we get our attitudes going," she said.

Stanek said that she has recruited several players that should help out with the squad immediately. But she said one factor in the team's success will be how the new talent blends with the old.

"How we put together our new talent will have an effect on our season," she said.

Experience will also play a key role in the upcoming season. According to the coach, this experience, along with the new players, will cause a lot of competition for spots on the travel roster.

"There will be a lot of competition for travel spots," she said. "For the first time we will have more than enough good people to go around."

Rebecca Johnson, Mary Maloney and Lanita Richardson should be some of the top players this season, according to Stanek. She said that Maloney will be main talents in the upcoming season because she is a senior and the team's setter.

"The setter is like a quarterback for a volleyball team," Stanek said. "She has been keeping up with the sport this summer, and that should help her game."

Stanek said that players like Maloney lift her spirits.

"I'm excited about the season. I think we're going to be really good," she said.

New frontrunners

Past leaders slide back

In the past two years the divisions in the baseball world have been dominated by one team. But this year these four teams are not in the lead. In fact, they are no closer than fourth place.

Before action began this week, the Philadelphia Phillies were the closest to repeating as division champs. The Phillies have won this title for the past three years, but are currently in fourth place in the Eastern Division of the National League. They are 4½ games behind the surprising Montreal Expos. Before the season began, the Phillies were picked as easy favorites to win. And why shouldn't they? They had most everyone returning and with the addition of Pete Rose they looked unbeatable. But the Expos have used good pitching with clutch hitting to take command of the division.

The Western Division of the National League is also in turmoil. The winner for the past two years, the Los Angeles Dodgers, is in fifth place, 14 games behind the equally surprising Houston Astros. Before the season started, the two teams were picked to be in each other's position. The Dodger Blue has not been the same this year as they have been in the past. Injuries have struck the team and the Astros have been exciting.

The American League is just as topsy-turvy. The defending world champs, the New York Yankees, are also far from the top spot. Even though they are 10 games over the .500 mark, they are 12½ games behind the front-running Baltimore Orioles. The Yankees have tried to do a turnaround like they did last year by naming Billy Martin as manager. But last year, the Yanks only had to catch the Red Sox. This year they have to beat the Red Sox, the Brewers and the Orioles. It will be tough for the Yankees to do, even with Martin at the head of the team.

The Kansas City Royals are not playing as well as the Yankees are, but they are in a better position. With the season just half way over, the Royals are in fourth place, eight games behind the division leading California Angels. Pitching has been the main problem for the Royals this year, as they try to shake off a bad pre-All-Star game slump, which saw them lose 13 out of 15 games.

So unless these four teams do an about-face in the second half, several new and different ball teams will be playing in October. Teams like Houston, Montreal, Baltimore and California. But anything is possible in a 162-game season.

Harriers' season starts early

Coach Laurie Potter leads a young, but experienced team into the upcoming Bearkitten cross country season.

Potter's team will mainly be sophomores, who earned a lot of running time last year when no upperclassmen went out for the team. Last year, Potter ran most of the meets with freshmen.

These sophomores include Sheryl Kiburz, Toni Mohr, Vicki Gordon, Jill Eberly and Roberta Darr. According to Potter, the inexperience did not hurt the squad last year and probably will not hurt them this year.

At last year's state competition, Kiburz finished 10th while Gordon placed 12th, Mohr and Darr finished

16th and 17th respectively.

Kiburz and Gordon again led the 'Kittens at regionals by finishing 61st and 70th. The squad just missed qualifying for nationals as they finished fourth in their 18-team small college field.

The 'Kittens will kick off their season at Central Missouri State Sept. 8. After traveling to Western Illinois to compete in an invitational, the 'Kittens will return home Oct. 6. There they will host an invitational, along with the men's team. This is the only home meet of the year for the 'Kitten Harriers. The meet will be held on the Nodaway Lake course.

Help's on the way

Learning to cope with the pressure of emergency medicine is almost as important as saving lives for the Nodaway County Paramedics.

"When you go on a call, it is the first time you've seen a patient," said Wally Anderson, Paramedic Coordinator for Nodaway County. "After only 10-15 minutes with the patient, you have to be able to tell someone else what the problem is."

The paramedic's job is to take care of the patient the best he possibly can according to his training and experience, and the equipment available. He strives to get the patient back in as good or better condition than he was when he arrived.

The paramedic Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) team that mans each of the four county-operated ambulances has to work closely with the medical staff at St. Francis Hospital. The staff at St. Francis' now depends heavily on the paramedics for vital information. It took several years for the four-year-old service to build up this confidence. "It wasn't easy to convince the doctors that, 'hey, these guys can do it,'" said Anderson. "It took a great deal of work and time."

Paul Peve, an NWMSU junior and paramedic, says the doctor/paramedic relationship may have an affect on the patient's care. "Cooperation with the doctors is very important because they have to give us orders. If they don't trust us, they'll just tell us to bring them in," he says.

The ambulance staff is highly trained. All paramedics have 240 hours of training, not including clinical training time. They are required to retake the state board tests every three years. They spend many hours while on duty in the intensive care unit and emergency room to keep their training fresh in their minds. They fill out detailed forms on every aspect of each call which are closely scrutinized by the state board and the hospital medical adviser.

Nodaway County is in a unique position in the emergency field. The service here was the first rural advanced life support service in Missouri. When Nodaway County service was being formed, there were Missouri state guidelines for rural ambulances. The experiences of the people here were used to

form standards for all Missouri rural ambulance services.

To be able to respond to a call at a moment's notice, the ambulance garage behind St. Francis is always staffed with paramedic-EMT team, with another team on call at all times. The garage has an atmosphere of a firehouse to it, with the crews always waiting, often for many hours in a row, for the red phone to ring.

"The waiting gets you, you must be mentally prepared. You can't ever completely relax because you know any moment that the phone will ring," said Anderson.

After each call, all supplies used on the previous call are replaced, the ambulance is cleaned up, and the waiting begins again.

When the crews arrive at the scene of an accident, the first thing is to examine the patient from head to toe for all possible injuries. The bleeding is stopped, injuries are bandaged and broken bones are splinted. The patient is then stabilized, braced so that his movements cannot cause any greater injury and transported to the hospital.

Most paramedics think that small children are the most difficult cases to handle, especially new-born infants. "They're small and young and you want to do all you can for them because you know they have lots of years left," Peve said. He said he gets the most satisfaction out of being able to really help a kid.

Anderson said the only call that was too much for him to handle was a case involving a boy about the same age and size as his own son. After a second crew arrived, he backed off. "You can't get emotionally involved with a patient. I had to leave for a couple of minutes because I was associating him with my own kid."

While the paramedics face life and death situations on a day-to-day basis, the pressure still affects them. They have to continue with the job and can't worry about the lost patients. Jim Thomas, an EMT and NWMSU sophomore, says some cases are especially upsetting. "You realize what death is," he says, "you think about quitting sometimes, you really do."

But no matter the temptation, they are always back again the next day, ready to go through it all again.



TOP: Nodaway County emergency ambulance attendants Paul Peve and Jim Thomas assist a Maryville fireman in putting on his breather unit at the Administration Building fire. The paramedics stand by all fires in case of injuries to firemen. LEFT: Jim Thomas cleans the garage floor at the ambulance barn behind St. Francis Hospital. The crew spends a lot of time at the garage waiting for a call. BOTTOM: Paramedic Paul Peve practices a breathing technique on a practice dummy in the hospital which involved restoring regular breathing to a patient, after applying mouth to mouth resuscitation.



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